

Introduced by Senator Machado

February 23, 2001

An act to amend Section 6162 of the Government Code, relating to state government.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1007, as introduced, Machado. State Payment Card Act.

Existing law requires all state agencies, with limited exceptions, to accept payments made by credit card or payment device and authorizes the Director of General Services, or his or her designee, to negotiate and enter into contracts necessary to implement or facilitate the acceptance of credit cards. Existing law also authorizes the director to seek to negotiate master contracts or other contracts that allow the cost-effective acceptance of payment by credit card or payment device.

This bill would require the director to negotiate master contracts or other contracts in this regard.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 6162 of the Government Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 6162. (a) Except as provided in Section 6159, the Director of
- 4 General Services, or his or her designee, may negotiate and enter
- 5 into any contracts necessary to implement or facilitate the
- 6 acceptance of credit cards or payment devices by state agencies.
- 7 The authority granted to the director pursuant to this section shall
- 8 include the discretion to negotiate and agree to specific terms

1 applicable to each state agency, including, but not limited to, the
2 terms regarding any payment of fees to third parties for the
3 acceptance of credit cards or payment devices, types of payments,
4 any limitations on amounts and limits of liabilities that would be
5 eligible for payment by credit card or payment device, and
6 operational requirements.

7 (b) The director ~~may seek to~~ *shall* negotiate master contracts or
8 other contracts that allow the cost-effective acceptance of payment
9 by credit card or payment device. Additionally, the director or any
10 state agency negotiating these contracts shall use its best efforts to
11 minimize the financial impact of credit card or other payment
12 device acceptance on the state agency, taxpayers, and the public
13 who use its services.

